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ABSTRACT

This guide puts books and readers together by helping readers' advisors in libraries, bookstores, and academic institutions find the books their readers will enjoy reading. Offering a structured overview of genres, it can also be used as a textbook for courses in genre literature and readers' advisory to discuss popular genres of fiction. The fifth edition organizes nearly 6,000 new and classic titles in 8 genres and more than 100 subgenres and themes. Nearly half of the titles are new to this edition. Each chapter covers one of the popular genres. An overview of historical, Western, crime, adventure, romance, science fiction, fantasy, and horror is followed by descriptions of subgenres. Bibliographies for each subgenre list authors and titles important in the genre because of popularity or influence within its class. Following the lists of authors and titles in each chapter, a topics section provides information on resources for more in-depth information on specific facets of the genre. (RS)

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